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601 West Dayton
Madison, Wis. 53715

The Kohl Center, opened in 1998, is the home for the UW [Men's](#), and [Women's](#) Basketball teams, and the [Men's](#) and [Women's](#) Hockey Teams. Since opening, the building has met with much success. Areas specific to the UW programs were designed by the Wisconsin coaches with the programs in mind. From computers to lounge areas to

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audio/video systems, the Kohl Center provides a competitive floor, practice and study areas all in one place. The coaching offices are also located at the Kohl Center.

Location

The Kohl Center is located on the southeast side of the UW campus. (601 West Dayton Street; Phone: 608/263 -5645)

Major Benefactors

The building is named for U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl (D -Wisconsin), a 1956 graduate of the UW-Madison, who donated \$25 million to the project. Kohl's gift is the single largest private donation in University history. Kohl earned his Bachelor of Science degree in American Institutions from Wisconsin-Madison. Former all-Big Ten basketball player Albert "Ab" Nicholas and his wife, Nancy Johnson Nicholas, pledged \$10 million toward the project. The facility's practice gymnasium is named the Nicholas -Johnson Pavilion and Plaza. Nicholas received his B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from the UW-Madison. The Kellner family, Jack F. and his sons, Ted and Jack W. of Milwaukee gave \$2.5 million. All three Kellners received degrees from the University of Wisconsin Madison.

Capacity

The Kohl Center seats 17,142 for basketball. That figure includes approximately 7,500 seats in the lower seating bowl and 4,500 in each of the two balconies. The unique design of the Kohl Center (with two overhanging balconies) guarantees that all fans will be close to the playing floor with excellent sight lines. The facility seats approximately 14,000 for hockey, and between 15,000 and 17,000 for concerts.

Spacious Locker Rooms

The Kohl Center includes lockers for UW men's and women's basketball and men's hockey. Four other locker rooms (for visitors or multiple teams during WIAA tournaments) also are in the arena. The 2,200 square -foot, state-of-the-art locker areas have been designed with the needs of student -athletes in mind including team organizational meetings, an athletes social area, and study carrels. The athletes have a lounge area with sound system, video room, computers available in the study room, and, of course, a spacious dressing and shower area complete with multiple outlets and lighted mirrors.

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Practice Pavilion

The Nicholas-Johnson Pavilion houses three full -size basketball courts to be used for practice sessions when the Kohl Center is booked for other events. Pre-game booster club functions are also scheduled in the practice gym.

Check List of Team and Fan Amenities

- For the Athletes: Huge lockerooms that include attached lounges, video/meeting rooms, and study areas with practice facility attached.
- For the Coaches: Spacious offices with westward views of the campus including the Field House and Camp Randall Stadium.
- For the Support Areas: Sports medicine, sports information, concessions/catering, and physical plant have ample and convenient work areas. The UW ticket office operates from its offices in the Kohl Center.
- For the Fans and Suites: A state -of-the-art sound system has been implemented in the Kohl Center and TV monitors (capable of showing replays) are wired to the suites and above concessions stands throughout the building.
- For the Fans: Extra -wide concourses (two), a number of food courts on both levels, numerous restrooms and merchandise outlets.
- Also For the Fans: The cantilever design replicates the overhang effect of the former UW Field House without the obstructions. Sightlines are tremendous from every seat. At center court, you can look up at three ascending, cheering spectator areas, an awesome and intimidating sight for opponents.

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A grant from Oscar Mayer, a division of Kraft Foods, Inc., helped pay for the accessibility features of the Kohl Center.

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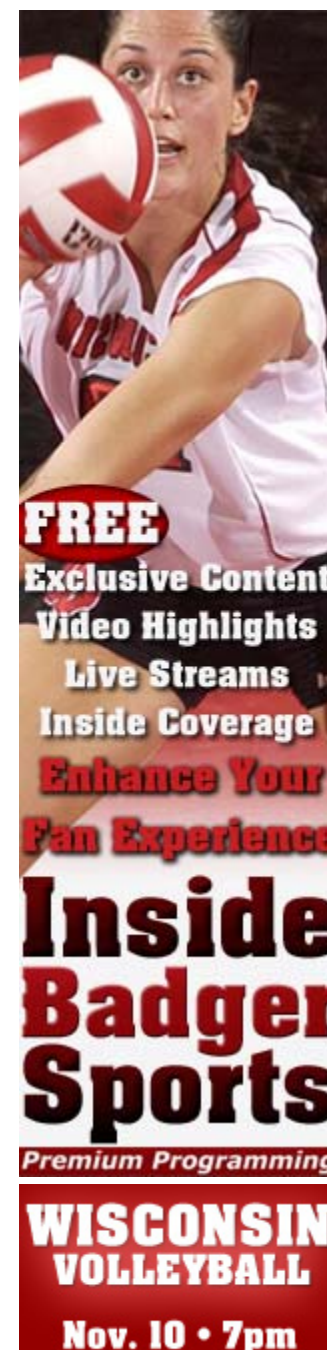
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Welcome Message from U.S. Senator Herb Kohl:

I am very pleased with the success of the University's efforts to ensure full access to persons with disabilities in the design and planning of the Kohl Center. I believe that we've set a new standard for accommodation and I'm proud that the Kohl Center will be a model for other facilities across the nation. I sincerely hope that everyone will have an opportunity to fully enjoy all the events that will be held at the Kohl Center in the years ahead.

Welcome to the Kohl Center!

If we may be of service, please stop by our Guest Services office in the Kohl Concourse near Section 119, our Guest Services stand at Gate A, or at our Gate B Reception Desk. (This Guide is available [here](#).)

Entrance, Tickets and Getting Around

1. Street level entry to the building is through Gate A off Dayton Street or Gate B off Murray Street between the Ticket Office and Bucky's Locker Room.
2. Ticket windows are inside and outside of the Gate B entrance of the Kohl Center. Lowered ticket counters are at both locations. Copies of the accessible ticket policy are available at the McGinnis Family Wisconsin Athletic Ticket Office.
3. Automatic door opener and accessible directory is at Gate B.
4. Passenger elevators with priority for persons with disabilities are near Gates A and B.
5. Four wheelchairs are available to help people get to their seats.

Restrooms

6. The 28 public restrooms and seven family restrooms are accessible and all contain diaper-changing stations. Two of the restrooms are in the Nicholas-Johnson Pavilion.

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7. The 28 public restrooms have sinks, urinals and toilets featuring touch less faucets and flush valves. The family restrooms have floor-mounted urinals.

Concessions

8. All concession stands are accessible. Most also have a lower counter section.

9. Public drinking fountains in concourse areas are the hi-low accessible style. They are available in Sections 113, 117, 205, 211, 219, and 225.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services

10. The seating area is served by assistive listening devices; an FM system. Individuals may pick up headsets at the Guest Services Office near Section 119 and must leave some form of collateral, such as a driver's license or credit card while using the ALD.

Individuals may arrange for sign-language interpreters by calling Guest Services at (608)263-7894 or by e-mailing John Finkler at jaf@athletics.wisc.edu. Please allow a minimum of two weeks advanced notice for this service.

Seating/Wheelchair seating locations

11. 314 wheelchair and wheelchair companion locations are scattered throughout the 100, or street level (Kohl Concourse), and the 200, or upper level (Kellner Concourse).

12. Season or individual game assigned accessible seating in the 100 and 200 levels is available for UW basketball and UW hockey.

13. There are 36 luxury suites. Each suite includes an accessible restroom and removable seats in the viewing area to enable a person in a wheelchair to watch an event.

14. The Nicholas Suites are located on the Kohl Concourse inside Gate A and are available to the public on an event-by-event basis. The three spacious suites are fully accessible. The Kohl Center's catering kitchen provides food and beverage service. The suites do not include restrooms, but public and family restrooms are nearby and accessible.

Messages/Emergency Info

15. Two message boards are at opposite sides of the bowl to relay general information and messages, which are being broadcast over the Public Address system.

16. In case of an emergency, strobe lights will help alert the deaf and those who are hard of hearing. Emergency messages will also be posted on the Kohl Center scoreboard.

Misc. Info

17. The locker rooms and star dressing rooms on the lower level feature accessible showers, sinks and toilets.

18. All of the work areas are accessible to wheelchair users. Work areas include: courtside media seating, press boxes, scoreboard operation, etc.

Parking

19. Lot 88, adjacent to the Nicholas-Johnson Pavilion, is reserved for season and day-of- event disabled parking. Additional accessible parking spaces are in nearby lots. There are excellent drop-off locations by Gate A on Dayton Street and Gate B by the Nicholas-Johnson Pavilion. Outdoor wheelchair pickup is available by calling (608) 263-5645.

E-mail: tickets@athletics.wisc.edu or guestservices@uwbadgers.com

Map of the Kohl Center (Coming Soon)

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The Kohl Center FAQ

- Kohl Center information telephone number: (608) 263-KOHL
- 460,000 square foot multipurpose facility (Basketball, Hockey, Volleyball, Concerts, Family Shows, Commencement, State High School Championships, Tournaments).
- Capacity:
 - 17,142 for Basketball
 - 13,313 for Hockey
 - (plus an additional 1,896 obstructed view seats)
- End Stage Concerts:
 - 360 Degrees -- 17,659
 - 270 Degrees -- 14,315
 - 180 Degrees -- 11,954
- 1,827 in the Nicholas-Johnson Pavilion
- Intimate - double balcony configuration brings seats closer to the event floor.
- Accessible - building meets all ADA requirements and exceeds these requirements in many areas. Highlights: 333 wheelchair and wheelchair companion locations, 6 TDD telephones, tactile/audible directories, assisted listening devices, at grade entry, two passenger elevators, family restrooms.
- 26 public restrooms with 54% of fixtures for women. Seven family (unisex) restrooms. All restrooms are equipped with

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diaper changing stations and all plumbing fixtures have touchless flush valves or faucets.

- Excellent sight lines. Variable rise seating system converts 1,548 end arena seats from Hockey seating to Basketball seating configurations.
- 36 luxury suites (28 on Kohl concourse, 8 on Kellner concourse). Three suites (Nicholas Suites) available for rent on an event by event basis with capacities for up to 160 people.
- 18 concession stands with 93 sale points (25 ADA) and 10 portable food stands. Two stands are equipped with a grill and three stands are equipped with pizza ovens.
- Retail store (2,400 square feet).
- Automatic teller machine.
- 15 payphones (6 TDD).
- 14 ticket sales windows.
- Full service kitchen providing cuisine for suites and catered events.
- Four loading dock bays and one drive-in bay.
- Nicholas-Johnson Pavilion - 22,000 square foot practice gymnasium with three basketball/volleyball courts. Public restrooms and a delivery dock have been included to accommodate functions for up to 1,827 people.
- 2300 square foot sports medicine facility.
- 1600 square foot strength and conditioning room.
- Eight locker rooms: home hockey, home men's basketball, home women's basketball, visiting basketball, visiting hockey, officials, and two tournament locker rooms.
- Full service equipment room with laundry facilities for teams.

Media accommodations:

- 835 square foot work room
- 1870 square foot interview room
- dark room
- house photo strobe system
- house broadcast cabling system

Concert accommodations:

- six Super Trouper II follow spot lights.

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- eight spot light platforms
- 40'x60', Stage Right, roll and set stage.
- 1,800 amps for show power (400 isolated for sound).
- Engineered safety cabling system for rigging at roof steel level.

Site features:

- 80 new trees planted (8 different species)
- 100,000 square feet of green space
- 80' wide plaza at main entry available for outdoor events.
- 61 bike racks (2 bikes per rack).

Construction finishes:

- 30,000 square feet of glass.
- Granite tile and stainless steel walk off grates in entry vestibules.
- Terrazzo floors at concourses and public restrooms.
- Portugese stone tile to 5' on walls.

Art:

- Dale Chihuly - (world renown blown glass artist and former UW student) Mendota wall at main entry.
- Replication of crest from Fieldhouse installed on building, adjacent to main entry. Crest includes tile work by mosaic artist Peter Columbo.
- Basketball player impressions in pre-cast wall panels on Nicholas-Johnson Pavilion (George Heinlein).
- UW crest etched in glass at entry doors.

Advertising opportunities:

- 16 backlit panels (1'-6" x 4'-5") adjacent to corner score/message boards in seating bowl
- 8 backlit panels (3'-0" x 8'-0") recessed in walls in the main seating bowl.
- 24 backlit panels (3'-0" x 5'-0") recessed in walls in the public concourses.
- Hockey dasher boards.
- Zamboni.
- 4 corner signs located above the 4 main arena floor entrances.
- Signage on all television cases located at all concession stands.

Financial Information:

- Total cost - 76 million.
- 49 million raised from private donations.
- 27 million in State bonding, to be paid back from operational revenues.
- No tax dollars.

Trivia:

- The 40,000 cubic yards of concrete used in constructing the Kohl Center could build a sidewalk from Madison, WI to Chicago, IL.
- Eleven miles of coolant pipe is embedded in the hockey floor.
- It would take 1,351,990,520 hockey pucks to fill the Kohl Center.

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